(कोल्हापुर, सांगली और सातारा जिले) और मध्य महाराष्ट्र (पुणे, नासिक, अहमदनगर व शोलापुर जिले) में उप विभाजित कर दिया जाए । सरकार ने इन सिफारिशों को मान लिया है ।

(ब) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Storage Facility for Foodgrains in Maharashtra

4083. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the total storable foodgrains can properly be stored in Maharashtra ;

(b) what is the total storage facility available to foodgrains produced in Maharashtra ;

(c) whether it is a fact that foodgrains are perished due to non-availability of storage ; and

(d) what is being done in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total storage capacity (covered & CAP) available with Food Corporation of India in Maharashtra as on 1-3-1994 is 17.85 lakh tonnes. The total stock of foodgrains is 14.18 lakh tonnes on the same date.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No stock of foodgrains perished in Maharashtra due to non-availability of storage space.

Demand and Production of Sugar

4084. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated figures of demand and production of sugar in the country during 1994-95 ; and

(b) the details of the incentives proposed to be given to sugar industry to boost up sugar production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The committee constituted to formulate the Development Programme for the sugar industry for the Eighth Five Year Plan fixed a target of 132.73 lakh tonnes of internal consumption and 134.13 lakh tonnes of production of sugar in the country for the 1994-95 sugar season.

(b) So far the Government has not announced any incentives to boost sugar production during 1994-95 season.

Gur and Khandsari Industry

4085. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gur and Khandsari industries are a good source of rural employment in the country ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these industries often suffer from the fall in Price of their products ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to fix minimum support price of these products as in the case of other agricultural products ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of Gur and Khandsari are dependent on open market forces.

(c) No. Sir.

Concession in Free Sale Sugar in Maharashtra

4086. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what decision Government have taken on Maharashtra Government's proposal that new sugar factories located in the high recovery zone should be given concession of 100 per cent free sale sugar for 10 years, the factories falling in medium recovery zone for 12 years and for factories in the low recovery zone for 15 years ;

(b) whether this would be made applicable to the state of Andhra Pradesh in case a favourable decision is taken in this regard ; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (c) While formulating the New Incentive Scheme, 1993, due considerations were given to the proposals of the Government of Maharashtra and incentives were provided at 100 per cent for 8 years for new sugar factories in High Recovery Area and 100 per cent for 9 years and 66 per cent for the 10th year for Other Recovery Area in the New Incentive Scheme announced on 10-3-1993. So far as recovery zone is concerned, Maharashtra falls in the High Recovery Area whereas Andhra Pradesh falls in Other Recovery Area.

(b) Does not arise.